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## Mexico Disarms 10,000 Fascists in Preparation for Land Distribution

The Economically Powerful Mexican Labor Movement, Strongly Influenced by the Ideals Planted There by its Founders (I. W. W.), Brings Pressure to Bear on the Political State

MEXICO CITY.—More than 10,000 peasants, followers of the Fascist general, Cardenas, are being disarmed by the command of the 12 military districts in various parts of the state of San Luis Potosi in order to assure the peaceful distribution of land.

After Yucatan, San Luis is the next state on Pres. Cardenas' schedule to develop his land reform program. This state, however, has for many years been under the absolute control of Mexico's No. 1 Fascist, the former Minister of Agriculture, Gen. Cardenas, who has been and still is carrying on an open as well as an underground opposition to the president's agrarian program. Being himself a large landowner, Cardenas has always closely cooperated with the rest of the state's hacendados to keep land reform outside the borders of San Luis Potosi. This is part of the reason why Cardenas, during the past few years, has been building large military formations within the confines of his state.

With this well-equipped private army the Fascist general has been threatening the peace of Mexico and it is said that he had been plotting open rebellion lately. Very quietly and methodically, Cardenas has step by step eliminated this danger. On September 9, he deprived Cardenas of his prized possession of airplanes, two weeks after the newspaper El Machete had exposed the fact that the general had bought 14 new planes. This was followed on September 14, by a replacement of the federal

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## Flogging Cases Face White-Wash

By ARON GILMARTIN

TAMPA, Fla.—The famous Tampa flogging cases were renewed as the state of Florida placed on trial five former Tampa policemen and three Orlando Klansmen for the flogging murder of Joseph Shook, former Socialist, near Tampa in November, 1935.

In a previous trial in the kidnapping case of E. P. Poulton, state chairman of the Florida Workers Union, who was a companion of Shookmaker and Dr. S. C. Rogers, the five former Tampa policemen were convicted by a 6-man jury in the Bartow court where the present trial is being held. The case was remanded to four years cash in state prison by presiding Judge Robert E. Dewell. The sentence was later reversed on appeal to the Florida Supreme Court, which remanded the case for a new trial. In announcing its decision, the court declared: "The alleged police brutality of a most revolting character and constitutes a blot on our civilization as a people."

Atty. J. Rex Farrier opened the trial for the state by filing motion to nullify the case against Edward Sprivy and James Dean, Orlando Klansmen who were identified at the scene of the flogging by Rogers and Poulton. On October 1, he predicted that this case would be a general white-wash of all the men involved and an attempt to slip out of the case with a little attention, in effect, means that it will not press the prosecution.

## Maritime Contracts Bar Quickie Strikes

SAN FRANCISCO.—Both deep sea and steam schooner owners have renewed agreements for a year with all maritime unions, and also with the longshoremen. If any dispute occurs, arrangements are made for an impartial board to decide interpretations of the contracts. Quickie strikes are barred.

## Death Rate Grows As Wages Go Down U. S. Report Shows

Twice as many of the poor as of all other classes are killed in this country by the seven most dangerous diseases in this country according to a report of Josephine Roche, assistant secretary of the treasury, in charge of public health.

There are ten diseases which are responsible for three out of four American deaths. They are, in order of their deadliness: heart disease, cancer, pneumonia and influenza, cerebral hemorrhage, nephritis, tuberculosis, diabetes, diarrhea and enteritis, appendicitis, and syphilis.

"From seven of these ten—all but cerebral hemorrhage, diabetes, and appendicitis—the death rates mount steadily as income goes down. The death rate from respiratory tuberculosis is seven times as great among unskilled workers as among professional workers. It is three times as great among the skilled as among the professional."

"Pneumonia kills three and a half times more unskilled workers than professionals; death rates from diarrhea and syphilis are twice as high for the unskilled as for the professional; cancer toll for the unskilled worker is 60 per cent higher than for the professional."

"The death rate from all causes is more than twice as high for the unskilled worker as for the professional."

Disabling illness among persons on relief are shown to be 68 per cent higher than those in families having an income of \$10,000. Work Progress Administration workers have a disabling illness rate of 40 per cent above that of other employed.

The time when young D. L. Gentry will be relieved from the hospital at Orofino, Idaho, to one near his home in Idaho, Louisiana, where he can be more conveniently visited by his mother and dad is being held up by the state for funds for this purpose. "The committee visiting the camps in the last couple of weeks is meeting with fine results considering the conditions under which they have to make their appeal."

The committee held a good meeting at Moe and Dittman's camp out of St. Joe and collected \$59.54. Unfortunately Rogers Camp closed down after the heavy rains before the committee could arrange a special visit for this purpose but it is former visit the delegate received donations amounting to \$29.50.

The possibility of charges being preferred against the gunmen who waylaid Gentry and the other plebeians the night of August 3, 1937 with Gentry as the plaintiff may postpone his return to his home state for a short time. Efforts are being made to bring a protest from organized labor in Idaho against the non-jury trial of these attackers of peaceful picket lines. Unless organized labor takes action now to see that these gunmen are made examples of, they can not be assured that such violent shooting will not be repeated.

PROSPERITY NOTE  
Even the lowly worm is affected by this here so-called prosperity. Worm production for vermicomposting increased 100 per cent since 1933.

## LUMBER WORKERS BULLETIN

SEATTLE, Wash.—The Lumber Workers Bulletin will go to press November 1. All news from camps and mills should be at the office not later than October 30. This is your bulletin. Write to it!—Bulletin Committee, P. O. Box 365, Seattle, Wash.

## Big Three Gain Control In AFL Building Trades

DENVER.—Rejecting any form of compromise in an inter-Building Trades Department battle, the big three—carpenters, bricklayers and electrical workers—completely ousted from leadership representatives of the department's smaller, more highly skilled trades and captured the posts of chairman and secretary-treasurer of the AFL Building Trades Department, which comprise the executive council.

Outsted were J. W. Williams of the carpenters, who lost favor with Pres. W. D. Hutchinson of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters for opposing him for reelection during their last convention, and M. J. McDonough of the plasterers. Williams had the support of the smaller unions in the department. Elected were Joseph A. McInerney of the tile setters, president, and Herbert Roberts of the hod carriers, secretary-treasurer. Pres. Daniel Tobin of the Isthmian Brotherhood of Teamsters and Hutchinson were put on the executive council by the big three. Williams, in his retiring speech warned the department against allowing their jurisdictional machinery to break down.

## Idaho Loggers Respond To Appeal for Gentry

## Rich American To Lose Huge Estate

MEXICO CITY.—William O. Jenkins, American citizen, is losing his huge estate of some 270,000 acres in the state of Puebla by order of Pres. Cardenas of Mexico. The land is being distributed among the landless peasants. Surveys for the individual plots have already been completed. Engineers have been busy on the hacienda for some time. They report that with the exception of 6,000 acres, all the land is under cultivation. Twenty thousand acres are in sugar cane.

## Norwegian Sailors Win Sitdown Strike

HOUSTON, Tex. (FP)—A sit-down strike by the crew of the Norwegian freighter Vester—drew off from a foreign flag—this port has seen—over a war boom of 1930 for the seamen. The ship is bound for Japan with a load of scrap iron. When the master of the ship attempted to cast off from dock, the sit-downers walked off the vessel. Refusal to "turn to" while moored to the dock constitutes a strike, but refusal after leaving the dock would have been mutiny. At one period of their two-day strike, the crew refused a bonus of \$100. Owners of the freighter in Norway called agreement to the bonus, and the vessel sailed.



Pursuit of happiness led this New Jersey farm worker to join a strike against 18c-an-hour pay.

## Three Hungry Gangs Court Natl. Labor Board For Recognition As Ford Dues Collecting Agency

There is Perfect Cooperation in a Ford Plant as Far as Production is Concerned; Workers Have yet to Learn How to Cooperate to Further Their Own Good.

By A FORD EMPLOYEE

According to the latest report there will be an open hearing on the matter of four "little" groups seeking dues collecting rights, from the National Labor Relations Board, over the Ford employees. Of course, Henry will have one or more representatives present.

The Ford Brotherhood of America claims to have about 25 per cent of the employees on its books. The Liberty Legion, Inc. makes no claim as to membership but will be at the hearing as will the C.I.O. and the A.P. of L., who also are silent as to their approximate strength in the plant.

The Liberty, Inc. has absorbed about 99 44/100 of the P.B.A. membership and many more of the employees as well, in an intensive campaign to "put a red, white, and blue button on every employee."

The two last named are admittedly company unions. Of the A.P. of L. you know. The United Automobile Workers, with its stooge president, ex-greaser Martin, is becoming better known (without explanation and internal strife) as just another large number of workers once again dominated by the ambition of Lewis, to become Curator of Labor. Read up on labor history pertaining to Macmillan.

New a Three-Ringed Circus

What was formerly a two-ringed circus (Ford unions vs. Lewis) has now become three-ringed, with the entry of the A. P. of L. Visions of huge funds stimulate the leaders to battle each other in the courts for permission to make John Workman of money. John has no decisive voice in the matter and he wonders what happens to the many millions that are collected yearly as dues and assessments.

Ford Laid Don't Waste Time

The full during working hours is a lunch period of 20 minutes. In that time the bands are to be cleaned and a clean spot to sit is to be found; what time remains is to be hurriedly hit and swallow food. Hurry up!—the bell rings—back to the job.

The job offers little chance to exercise the legs, deafening noises, and too little time to eat comfortably or decently—suffering on a gross scale routine, mental and physical fatigue, irritability, cold, pain, and trouble, various vices, etc., and the hundred or more ailments resulting from an abnormal digestive system are the lot of the Ford worker.

100% Cooperation  
The slanders mentioned "tragedy in disunion." The plant operation for

## WORKERS MUST USE ECONOMIC POWER TO STOP JAP FASCISTS' RUTHLESS MURDER OF CHINESE

### Remember Class War Prisoner at Wobbly Wedding

Detroit Wobblies, gathered the evening of October 9 at an affair to celebrate the wedding of Fellow Workers Roy Sheldon and Irene Zura, took up a collection of \$52.00 for Mrs. Mike Lindway, wife of the Cleveland Class War Prisoner.

The two Detroit workers were given a regular Wobbly wedding, the Right Irreverent Frank R. Cedervall, D. A. A. (Doer of Direct Action), officiating. Like the true rebels they are, the newly-married couple felt that there was no more fitting time than their wedding celebration to remember the man and woman who have sacrificed so much for the cause of Industrial Freedom.—G. D. C. Local No. 20.

### Insurgents Split Oakland Teamsters

OAKLAND, Cal.—Clifford Lester, ousted president and leader of the rank-and-file movement in the Oakland International Brotherhood of Teamsters local, has been ousted from his position and the 300 irregular rank-and-file members are being led by the officials deposed when the A. P. of L. lifted the local's charter last summer. Nine members of the union offered withdrawal cards by Charles Real, secretary of the reorganized local, have been told that if they do not accept them they will be expelled. Lester's group has advised them to return to the hiring hall. If they are again refused work, charges of discrimination will be made before the National Labor Relations Board.

## FUNNY UNIONS CLAIM CREDIT FOR DECLINE IN LUMBER PRODUCTION

Decline of Market for Lumber is Due to Lack of Purchasing Power of People Who Need Homes, Not to the Much Publicized Boycotts which the Organizations Involved Could Not Enforce if They Wanted to.

### Railroad Men Get 44 Cent Increase

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The pay raise represents an average increase of 1.5 per cent. A compromise accepted by the unions which originally demanded 30 per cent. The agreement was reached with the aid of the National Railway Mediation Board which intervened Aug. 26 after negotiations had broken down and a strike had been authorized by the membership.

The five brotherhoods which signed the pact are the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers, the Order of Railway Conductors, the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen and the Switchmen's Union of North America.

### Refuse to be Bribed To Transport War Supplies!

NEW YORK.—One hundred thousand mariners workers, newly lined up in the CIO maritime unions, it is claimed, are going to "strongly urge" that a resolution to boycott Japanese goods be passed at the National CIO conference which opens October 11 at Atlantic City.

Sen. Thomas Bay of the New York Maritime Council declared that mariners workers felt that their own best interests and those of all labor unions are "bound up with an active campaign of democratic institutions, whether in this country, Europe, or the Far East. If the invaders are not restrained, democratic institutions all over the world will be imperiled. The only way a new world war can be prevented is to halt this invasion," he said.

Dr. Harry F. Ward, chairman of the American League against War and Fascism, wired Pres. Roosevelt urging that our neutrality legislation be rewritten to allow aid to be rendered the victims of aggression in China and Spain under conditions which will not involve this country in war.

Meanwhile ship load after ship load of munitions, scrap iron, and other war supplies are being transported to the Japs aboard ships of American register, manned by American seamen. What's the idea of asking for more pay and bonuses for seamen that might result in less supplies to the fascist murderers for any wage, bonus or no bonus!

The N. M. U. has been the target of much criticism for its failure to sign with ship owners. Possibly some of these sacred agreements, and future ones that they hope to make, might be endangered by a little effective direct action; but that's the only way to get results.

As for the boycott, it will do no harm but the decrease in silk shirt and sock buying by the workers which may result will not hurt one gun from sending its murderous shells into the ranks of the miserable, terrified Chinamen.—K. T. S.

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**ABOLITION OF THE WAGE SYSTEM**

**Industrial Worker Dictator Wants Limonines, He Fires Ex-Wobblies**

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**EDITORIAL**

**There Never Was Strength in the Old Craft Unions**

**By J. P. Jones**

**OFFICIAL NOTICES**

**I. U. No. 440 Members Notice**

"Due to an error in making up the ballot committee's report on the question of whether I. U. No. 440 should hold its regular convention this year, it was erroneously reported that the vote was for no convention, when in reality the vote, by a large majority, was for a convention.

Therefore, Most Machinery Workers I. U. No. 440 will hold its regular yearly convention as per their By-Laws.

**W. H. Westman, Secretary-Treasurer.**

**G.R.U. BULLETIN**

The General Recruiting Union Bulletin will appear November 1. Members intending to send in articles are requested to get them in early so there will be time enough to prepare them for publication. Address: G.R.U. Bulletin, 2432 N. Halsted St., Chicago, Ill. —Marion Dahl, Chairman of the G.O.C.

**LOS ANGELES**

Fellow Workers C. E. Setzer has been elected branch secretary to succeed Fellow Worker Edw. E. Anderson. Address all mailings to: 280 Lang Bldg., 212 S. Spring St., Los Angeles, Calif.

**MINNEAPOLIS**

Fellow Workers take notice: Send all communications for the Minneapolis Bulletin to the new secretary, John Hoyer, 2254 35th Ave. St.

**SACRAMENTO**

A general membership meeting is called for October 31 at 208½ E. St., Sacramento, Calif. All footloose members are urged to attend.

**MANHATTAN BRANCH**

On and after October 4 the address of the Manhattan branch of I. U. No. 510 will be P. O. Box 408, Church St. Annex, New York City, N. Y.

**I. U. 510 NOMINEES**

The list of nominees sent to the Industrial Worker and published in the last issue is not correct. The correct list, sent in by Chairman of the G.O.C. Martin O'Connor, follows:

**G.O.C. Nominees**

John J. Bagley, C. P. Chase, J. P. Wojnarowski, George King, Joe Dunn, Frank Natanson, E. P. Newton, William Patton, Max Kornblatt, B. Coderick, J. B. Childs, Phil Lipmanson, Fred Hansen, Slim Johnson, C. B. Houghton, A. Martin, Bert Bearns.

**G.E.B. Nominees and Alternates**

Stanley Sawicki, Walter Dempsey, Louis Perry, Max Kornblatt, E. P. Newton, William Unger, Ernest Morel, Jean Anderson, George Rand, Bill Ragel, Wm. Henry, Ed. Story, James Gratton, Chris George, Frank Lawless, James Schmitt, Amos Rice, Wayne Rand, Kirby Bender and Yen Ali.

Nominations for G. E. B. Member: Geo. Sward, declines, Mike Capellik, Chester Zook, Joe Jarvis, Bill Ragel, John K. Peterson, A. J. Johnson, Wm. Unger, Fred Christensen, Ed. Story, George Fox and C. F. Bales.

**CLEVELAND NEWS STAND**

The One Big Union Monthly may be bought at the Cut Rate Drug Store, 17th and St. Clair.

**There Never Was Strength in the Old Craft Unions**

**By J. P. Jones**

"U. S. puts war blame on Japan." Probably typographical error! "U. S. puts war blame on Spain." How's that?

When the American Legion came to the city they were welcomed, how welcome!

We were on the verge of going to the poorhouse. Butlers and leakers hung out signs WELCOME AMERICAN LEGION. Then the signs said the light, WELCOME AMERICAN LEGION, and damn me for a flatfoot if I didn't see a sign, WELCOME, AMERICAN LEGION in the Paraphrastician cemetery.

All out for the shambles the American Legion was supposed to present. The warmth of the welcome were off and you ought to have heard the natives hallooing the Legion in the back, "Chiselers! They're down here to chisel Wall street out of the price of the next convention. They get the jack for their train fare down here from the Buffalo Convention and sit."

So it is quite evident New York City's welcome didn't reach any further than the Legion's pocketbook and, if Wall street didn't state that the convention was a total loss.

**W W**

"Meet prices kill business."

So? And here all the while I thought it was part of a plan to put the boys on a grass diet. How many I'm getting to be in my second youth!

The setting of Block on the Supreme Court bench also sets a precedent and it is a pippin. Some of the ultra-circumpect servants of the privileged bit, swallowed hook, line, and sinker and helped to nail the precedent to the masthead of the ship of state.

Now hush that off. Franklin throws a mean curve, and those bushers should never stray into higher civilization... maybe they are on it? I hope so.

**W W**

The class struggle did not get so grievous until the masters of men started in to civilize the craftsmen, the trade unionists—it has been a losing fight all along for the past fifty years and, by a strange coincidence, the same leadership has strutted its stuff during that period. At first blush it would seem a class struggle is hard to win—the reverse is true, however, it is easy of accomplishment; but it cannot be done under leadership. Leadership dreads to go too far, as the girls say and is a trifle skittish about wounding the feelings of our overlords and masters. Fifty years of economic war is a long time and many of us are under sold—leaving behind us, of course, suitable replacements, boys and girls to take up where we left off.

Prolonged war are peculiar in the sense that armies grow bigger despite the most modern and brainless instruments of extermination, machine guns, tanks, and airplanes.

A matter of 5,000 Finlanders went to the 30 years' war in Germany and when they returned to Finland it was discovered that their number was greatly increased. Some of the wise heads figured out that in the

employment of burning ships and that they had neglected to practice birth control. Had they practiced it, there is no doubt in my mind, that all would have been exterminated and no one would have been born the other.

**They Keep Coming**

So, it is also in economic struggles; many, many fall but a greater and hungrier army is left to carry on the wage war.

A little sense here would be of great benefit, for strikes are non-productive of commodities even so as the World War and lesser mis-understandings. But in as much as some does not reside in leadership, and labor unions too often feel the call to track to Moscow in dead winter, I believe it is to the interest of labor to organize a one big union and determine themselves what they shall do; so that their well-known sense may have fair play and not move the wars from the working class.

I have given up all hope of ever seeing a little reason in the employing class, instead of a little all their brains, and vented brains are averse to inaugurating innovations though they contain improvements.

It must come from the working class, whose brains are not for sale and whose responsibility begins with ends at John Work.

The wordwork of hired brains is, "Let well enough alone." The wordwork is not good enough for the working class. It must be better.

**No Power in Craft Unions**

Craft unionism never did have the horse-power to raise wages as sole motivator. But in the interests of peace the master has raised the wages of these considering that they were but a small 10 percent of the working force. The motive was ulterior; the boss didn't wish to contaminate the other 90 percent of the force with a strike notion. On the other hand the craft unionists have made a point not to strike with the common herd except upon great moral persuasion against his will.

These are the records and he was known in those days as the aristocracy of labor even when he had no ax. In other words, he traded his honor for a morsel of postage and of harn's reach, he has been untrue to the working class and but slightly untrue to the boss.

Everything went well with them while the country (industry) was expanding, but when the country was "full up" and the bosses started in to civilize them, as they had civilized the 90 percent before them, it was then the aristocratic wall rose to high heaven, rent the air and it was discovered their union didn't alter the strictly military and Fort-gate; quite easy of discovery because the strength was imaginary in the first place—they had been leaning on a broken straw.

These good old days are gone forever and it is logical that these craftsmen of another world would have the manners to join the world-wide union of their class, the I. W. U.—there dies power. Build from the bottom up; take from the top down. Saluti!

**THE OTHER CRISIS**

**HELP US WITH OUR STRIKE FOR LIVING WAGES DO NOT PATRONIZE STORES**

"I suppose that all you people have to do in your spare time."

**Peace Treaties**

For some weeks past the United Automobile Workers of America, C.I.O. affiliate, has been undergoing a purge. Since its recent Milwaukee convention the leaders at the top have been cleaning house with such good effect that quite a gang of lesser leaders have been set out in the cold and many restraints have been placed on the midships of the members.

The U. A. W. is going through a process of development common to all non-revolutionary, leader-ridden organizations. In the heat of struggle in their early formative period aggressive action is encouraged in order, on the one hand, to convince the still unorganized workers that a strong union is in the field to battle in their own behalf; and on the other, to show the employers that it is more economical to deal with them to oppose the union.

It is the experience common to thousands of militant workers who have carried the brunt of struggles in craft unions of all kinds, and in the newer pseudo-industrial unions, that once an agreement has been made with employers, the militant is no longer the welcome person to the leadership that he was in the days when picket lines were to be established and maintained in the face of difficulties.

After the contract has been signed the militant is expected to become a mild and docile member who "pays his dues and keeps his mouth shut"; while many a man with the inclinations of a scab becomes the favorite of the union's business agent because he never has complaints and grievances or tries to promote an "unauthorized" strike.

When the treaty of peace with the employers has been signed the next step is to muzzle the rank and file fighters and to concentrate the directive power more completely in the hands of the big-shot leaders.

**57-Day Mexican Oil Strike Ends With Labor Gains**

**MEXICO CITY.—(MLN).—**After battling for fifty-seven days, during which time the gasoline supply of Mexico City was slowly drying up, the oil strike in the Posa Rica field by the Agrilla Petroleum Company came to an end on September 18th, with many important gains for the workers of Section 38 of the Oil Workers Union.

The strike was called two months ago when the Agrilla Company refused to extend to the newly formed Section 38 the rights enjoyed under their collective contract when those same workers were formerly a part of another section of the union. By the terms of settlement, reached late on Wednesday the 15th after several days of intense discussion, the workers are granted 75% of their salaries during the strike period as well as part of the expenses of the strike itself.

**Biggest Mexican Union Talks War Against Low Pay**

Low paid workers employed in United States owned mines threaten a general strike in the industry after several months of fruitless negotiations.

**MEXICO CITY.—(MLN).—**In view of the fact that for all efforts to bring the American Smelting and Refining Company to an agreement over a collective contract for all its units in Mexico, it is believed that a general strike may soon be called in the mining industry throughout the country.

The Industrial Union of Miners and Metal Workers has been negotiating this contract for several months, with the object of standardizing wage rates and working conditions in the industry. As is well known, the Guggenheim-owned American Smelting and Refining Company, through its control of nearly all refining plants and smelters of low salaries, practically dominates the industry and is a virtual monopoly. It is impossible to bring order into the present chaotic labor conditions in mining without obtaining a general contract with the company as an indispensable first step.

With approximately 125,000 members, the Miners and Metal Workers Union is the most powerful single labor organization in the country. Should the strike come to a head, it will create a situation similar to that which obtained during the recent general oil strike, although its immediate effects on the public will be less severe, naturally, than in the oil conflict.

The official figures of the Second Industrial Census, carried out in 1936, indicate gross profits of more than 140 million pesos a year in the mining industry. The average wage, however, is only 750 pesos a year, slightly more than half that prevailing in the oil industry, although the cost of living in the mining centers was revalued by the study made by the mining commission which investigated the oil industry, is only slightly lower than that of the petroleum centers.

**Wake Up Slaves!**

There is nothing in the whole wide universe of man to compare with the power of the wage workers as a class. The might of all the world's armies and navies combined, would be as nothing if opposed by an organization of industrial workers inspired to act for the achievement of a common goal. As for the lordly dictators of our day who attempt to "bustle the world like a colossus of their own," in their own countries, would be as ineffectual and helpless as a lost sheep in a desert if their slaves, now so submissive, would insist collectively on taking control of the economic structure to which they give life with their labor.

Yet, in spite of all this power that wage workers have, the last years follow one another in unbroken succession. Instead of improving, things get worse. The standard of living is slipping downward, uncertainty is greater; and the only security against danger of absolute starvation is a pauper's dole reluctantly passed out in one form or another.

Despite all this magnificent strength that is labor's, hidden in a large part of it is still apathetically saying, "It might be worse," or "it has always been this way." It is claimed that slavery has been abolished but never was slavery so real and so extended as it is at the present time.

But it doesn't have to be that way. Workers don't have to remain slaves. The way is open to freedom—wide open. Nothing stands between the workers and peace, security, happiness and freedom except a few impotent, harmless members of the ruling class who will continue to rule only so long as workers are blind to their own opportunities.

**The Politician**

The statesman throws his shoulders back, And straightens out his tie, And says: "My friends, unless it rains The weather will be dry." And when this thought into our brains Has percolated through to our heads We common people nod our heads And loudly say: "How true!" The statesman blows his massive nose, And clears his august throat, And says: "The ship will never sink— So long as she's afloat." Worst of all our solemn eyes,— Applaud with mad and stupid glee, And slap each other on the back The while we say, "He's right!" The statesman waxes stern and strong, His drone becomes a roar: He yells: "I say to you, my friends, Tant two and two make four!" And thereupon our doubts dissolve,— Our fears are banished to the sky, And we agree that there's a man Who knows what he's about.

—Author Unknown.

**"Respectable" Unionism**

The new full styles in A. F. of L. and C.I.O. contracts are well provided with clauses, whereases, and what-nots that make them highly respectable—and presentable to any company. It is unlikely that even Henry Ford would seriously object to being seen in public with one of them if he were not such a stubborn cuss, and if his workers could be swung into line.

The new note is discipline imposed from above. Permission to strike must in every case be obtained from the general officers. Workers must be "educated in the principles of collective bargaining." Which means, of course, that negotiations between lawyers must replace direct job action. The "quickie" strike has become an outlaw.

These provisions must inevitably turn out to be anything to workers in the lumber industry especially and correspondingly satisfactory to the lumber barons. By the time grievances from an outlying camp reach the main office of the union and then travel a long and twisted trail through "investigation," "protest," and "negotiation" a whole season will have passed with nothing settled except that the dues-paying workers have been stung.

**Time to Call a Halt**

Anyway it's time for the thinking workers to call a halt in the present disastrous trend in the labor movement. With the Lewis outfit engaged in a mad dash for contracts under any conditions and terms so long as they get recognition, and with the C.I.O. particularly in the lumber industry so his pal, Brother Huebner, can get his "rough carpenters" back into the fold again, the situation ought to be reasonably clear to every working man who has become involved on one side or the other in this war of the fakers.

It is almost certain never again in those industries where unions of some kind now have a hold will the workers lapse into complete disorganization. The bosses won't allow it!

Neither the Lewis nor the Green family succeed in holding the workers in check the employers will do their utmost to set up competing unions of their own to forestall the advance of the I. W. U.

**Sept. Arms Sales Total 18 Million**

During September the arms export from the United States reached the highest figure for any single month since a congressional act two years ago required export licenses for shipment of war supplies. The total was \$18,000,000.

Some \$1,000,000 was spent \$10,000,000 with the American Merchants of Death, having ordered two battle-ships to be built here, for which down payment was made, and a considerable quantity of artillery and ammunition. Next in line in the amount spent here was China, Argentina was in third place.

**Frisco Chinese Shops Organize**

SAN FRANCISCO.—The Retail Department Store Employees Union has signed up the three local Nat. Dollar Stores, operated and largely manned by Chinese, with a full union shop, 4½ day work and \$21 minimum for sick.

**DISTRICT ORGANIZATION CONFERENCE**

The Chicago, Racine and Milwaukee district organization conference will be held Saturday, October 16, 1 P.M. at the I.W.U. Hall, 2410 Lincoln Avenue.

This will be a mass conference and all members of the district are asked to attend or to send in suggestions some at organization drive in this district.—See's District Organ. Committee.

**THE PREAMBLE**

OF THE INDUSTRIAL WORKERS OF THE WORLD

The working class and the employing class have nothing in common. There can be no peace so long as hunger and want are found among millions of working people and the few who have made up the employing class, have all the good things of life.

Between these two classes a struggle must go on until the workers of the world organize as a class, take possession of the earth and the machinery of production, and abolish the wage system.

We find that the centering of management of the industry into fewer hands makes the trade unions unable to cope with the ever growing power of the employing class. The trade unions foster a state of affairs which allows one set of workers to be pitted against another set in the same industry, thereby helping offend one another in wage wars. Moreover, the trade unionist who employs class to mislead the workers into the belief that the working class have interests in common with their employers.

These conditions can be changed and the interest of the working class upheld only by an organization formed in such a way that all its members in any industry, or in all industries, are united in a common front, and are not isolated or in any department thereof, thus making an injury to one an injury to all.

Instead of the conservative motto, "A fair day's wage for a fair day's work," we must inscribe on our banner the revolutionary watchword, "Abolition of the wage system."

It is the historic duty of the working class to do away with capitalism. The army of production must be organized, not only for the every-day struggle with capitalists, but also to carry on the struggle when capitalism shall have been overthrown. By organizing industrially we are forming the structure of the new society within the shell of the old.





# DUPONT AND OTHER PROMINENT PATRIOTS REVEALED AS HIDING EASTERN VIGILANTE MOVEMENT

## Purchase Tear Gas Guns Says Crook Promoter

PHILADELPHIA—Pierre S. DuPont and other prominent Philadelphia and eastern industrialists are supplying money for the purchase and use of tear gas and other weapons and munitions, according to a copyrighted story revealed after an investigation of an organization known as the "Minute Men and Women of Today."

The purpose of the organization is to preserve and protect our constitution and our American institutions," according to its president, Benjamin. Waite Blanchard, Police, according to the Record, say he has a record as a suspected criminal.

Blanchard, his wife and four members were arrested after Nicholas Wozniak, union organizer, had been nearly blindfolded by tear gas while organizing workers of the American Hospital Supply Co. in Philadelphia. Blanchard, who searched by police, was found to have six tear gas guns on his person. In his car were found a Springfield rifle, a .410-shotgun with tear gas shells, a .93-inch tear gas gun and several smaller tear gas weapons.

Super-Patriot Drop Out  
DuPont, the Record says, admitted to a reporter that he had contributed to the organization, but could not recall how much. Denying he knew the money was to be used for tear gas, DuPont said it was told it was to uphold the constitution.

Spotlighted by the Record's investigation, several socially prominent figures listed on the organization's letterhead began a hasty retreat.

"Vice-president" general" Walter Odley, who is also secretary of the Descendants of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence, a super-patriotic organization, resigned from the Minute Men, stating that he had been "duped" by Blanchard. He denied that the Descendants sponsored the organization, a claim made in the Minute Men stationery. He admitted that individually several members of the organization had contributed to the M. M. fund.

Blanchard's police record revealed his arrest in Decatur, Ill., in 1925 as a confidence man. Two years later he was arrested in Chicago on charges of operating a confidence game. Later the same year he was picked up in Wheeling, W. Va., on charges of aiding a bank clerk to embezzle \$2,000. On all three charges and several others he seems to have escaped punishment.

Literature found on Blanchard upon purchase of M. M. badges revealed at \$3. Extraordinary literature placed their retail value at 50c. The literature also urged members to "be prepared." This involved purchase of tear gas guns at \$4. A local manufacturer estimated their retail value at \$1.

"As Mayor Wilson prepared to sit as magistrate himself to hear charges against Blanchard and the others, the possibility of two probes developed. The LaFollette Civil Liberties Committee inquired its local representative to make a thorough investigation, and M. Herbert Syme, of the American Federation of Hostelry Workers, sent evidence to the Department of Justice at Washington and prepared to fly there to supply further evidence if necessary.

United Automobile Organizer Deplores Unauthorized Strike

PORT HURON, Mich.—It's an unauthorized strike, the C.I.O. organizer after a squad of deputized by the sheriff charged a picket line at the American Enamelled Wire Company here. With swinging clubs approximately 100 pickets of the United Automobile Workers local union were put to rout by the police. No serious injuries were reported and the picket line was reformed in front of the plant, though the entrance was closed.

The union organizer was "negotiating" with the company and deplored the action of the workers in calling the strike. But, knowing where his power lay, he later declared he would "stick by the men." Which is not so much to the point as, will the men stick by him?

"I do think that people can be turned against by means of the money," the C.I.O. organizer said, "but it is not the money which is best being this about it that which shows the economic causes of war."—Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt.

## AFL Absorbs Apex Company Union

PHILADELPHIA—After arguments and discussions which lasted over a period of many months and became particularly bitter as the company tried to bolster the morale of its "independent" union in its fight against the American Federation of Hostelry Workers, the 800 members of the Natl. Assn. of Hostelry Workers, company union at Apex Hostelry Co., gave up the fight and asked to be admitted to Branch 1, A. F. H. W.

William Leader, president of Branch 1, pleased with the dissolution of the company union, said, "Everything will work out all right. We soon will have an unquestioned majority of Apex employees. Then we'll just sit tight and wait until February when our present contract expires, and negotiate for a closed shop, which I am confident the company will give us."

## Rathborne Charges AFL With Tampering CIO Marine Workers

Morris Rathborne, Chairman of the C. I. O. Maritime Council, president of the American Communications Assn., charged that more than 25 men with membership in C. I. O. maritime unions have been sent to war when our present contract expires, and negotiate for a closed shop, which I am confident the company will give us."

## O.B.U. Monthly Gets Donations

LOS ANGELES, Calif. — The Plinio held here September 28 by the Hungarian members and friends of the I.W.W. cleared \$42.46, half of which has been donated to the O.B.U. Monthly; the other half going to Bernmark, the Hungarian weekly I.W.W. paper.

The O.B.U. Monthly was remembered this week also by Fellow Workers W. L. Lewis and H. T. Collins. Thanks, fellow workers!—Business Man.

## CLEVELAND 440 NOTES

CLEVELAND, Ohio.—The boys at the Columbus Plant, fell pretty good at their Job Brand's Meeting last Monday because of the five per cent raise that showed up in my pay envelopes. This is the fourth pay increase granted by the I. W. W. Shop Committee at the Columbus Plant since the plant was organized in 1934.

As usual, the foundry, which alone of all Federalistic workers outside of the I. W. W. was left out of the cold. The molders did not participate in the raise. Some day we hope the molders on the minds of these molders will clear away, and they will see fit to join the I. W. W.

The next time our local members drop into the office they will have a chance to see a marvellously ingenious wood-inlay calendar made by Fellow Worker Mike Lindway at the Columbus Plant. The calendar will last a life-time, the dates and month being indicated by a timber stick. Talking about a life-time! Are you going to let framed Mike Lindway send his in the suffocation of a prison cell?

Every Cleveland member should positively attend the Dance given by the Draper boys, the proceeds to go to Mike Lindway and little Mary Jones. This won't get Mike out of jail, but it will keep him there for the easier for him to know that his fellow workers are not forgetting his beloved one on the outside.

It is furthering the actual fight for Lindway's liberation, put another Lindway Stamp in your union book.

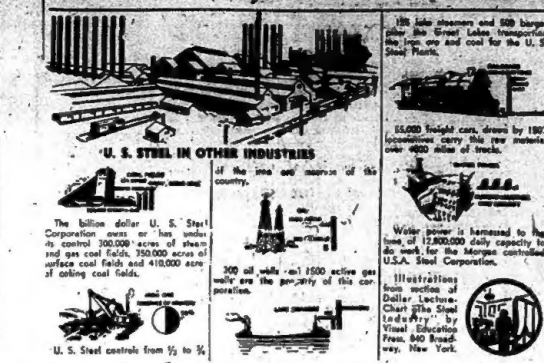
For details of the Draper Dance see the Coming Events Column elsewhere in this issue.

Incidentally, the local office wishes to acknowledge the receipt of \$52.02 from Detroit to be turned over to the American Federation of Hostelry Workers. This money was collected at the American Federation of Hostelry Workers wedding party October 9.

Thank you, bride and groom, and wedding guests!

# INDUSTRIAL WORKERS

## Seeing Things — TRUSTIFICATION IN STEEL



## Oregon WPA Jobs Cut as Private Industry Lags

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 8, 1937.—Mass lay-offs on Oregon WPA projects have reduced by more than 4,000 persons, the number of workers employed in the last year, according to E. J. Griffith state WPA administrator.

On September 28, 1937, there were 13,448 persons employed on WPA projects in Oregon. This figure had been reduced to 9,026 September 15, 1937. The quota assigned for this month, October, is 9,390 for the state. These mass lay-offs are part of the administration's economy program at the expense of labor. Only \$1,500,000,000 was allowed the WPA for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1938, with the stipulation, however, that only one-twelfth of this sum could be used up each month.

WPA policemen did not hesitate to stir up race hatred in order to expedite these mass lay-offs. Those unfortunate enough to have been born in a foreign country and found without citizen papers were ordered discharged first. Imagine the rage of the moron type upon learning that they were actually slaves on the WPA who had not seen fit to pay special tribute to Uncle Sam for the privilege of being exploited here. Yet and still there has been a goodly number of natural born citizens discharged also. This, however, is completely overlooked by the moron who glories over discharged of the "Yankees."

There is small chance for the discharged WPA workers to enter private industry. The lumber industry has stacked up disastrously on account of the high insurance rate on oriental shipping and a few more natural causes. It shows every sign of slowing up still more. Thus the discharged Federalistic workers are one of starvation unless organized labor can effect a favorable change in the not too distant future.—X14173.

## Mexico Disarms Fascists

army garrisons of San Luis Potosi. And now it is reported that more than 10,000 farmers, followers of Caudillo, are being disarmed by the federal administration. That is the end of Mexico's No. 1 Fascist plot.

The rural school teachers are actively cooperating with the military authorities in the disarming of the Fascists. It is expected that the operation will not take more than a few days.

In the meantime, a large contingent of engineers and surveyors has been sent to San Luis Potosi, to start the preliminary work of distribution of land to the landless.

The League of Agrarian Communities, and other farm organizations of San Luis Potosi, have expressed their enthusiasm and their gratitude over the projected land distribution.

The pressure from below in Mexico, expressed through a strong and at the present militant labor movement, does not allow the government much chance to lag in the fulfillment of its promises to socialism and industry, though it goes forward too slowly in the right direction.

The Mexican movement for abolition of capitalism, and with it the political state, first found systematic organized expression in 1915 when the Casa del Obrero Mundial (I. W. W.) was formed following the overthrow of Diaz.

It is reliably reported now that the operating-department railroad workers have been given their 6.6 per cent wage increase there will be a lay-off of at least 150,000 more workers in this industry during October.

Both the shop crafts and the operating department had voted to strike in the event a 20 percent increase was not granted by the companies.

ST. PAUL.—The "silent system" is to be abolished in Stillwater prison, according to reports here.

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## Sleep Under Tree On Chelan Power Line Job

## IN BRIEF

SAN FRANCISCO.—The Corvett Cement Co. plant at Concord has reopened with A. F. of L. workers. C.I.O. pickets, who claimed 96 percent membership before the lockout in July, have been withdrawn pending a labor board hearing on unfair labor practices charges.

BRISTOL, Tenn.—One thousand employees of the Big Boat Overlook Co. struck for recognition of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers.

SAN RAFAEL, Cal.—Garage machinists in Marlowe county, who had scheduled a strike, settled on a compromise agreement giving a 10 percent raise in the new contract, 5-day work except during the summer season, and 90 cents an hour pending complete unionization of the industry in the county, after which 20 cents will be paid. The men had been working 48 hours.

PITCHBURG, Mass (FP).—United Automobile Workers Local 513 reported having signed up 79 percent of the 300 workers in River Johnson's arms and cycle works. Two days after the union asked for a conference, the management hurriedly tried to organize a company union.

SAN FRANCISCO.—The John Deere Plow Co. has reopened its plant, turning a lookout into a strike. The plant is still picketed by workers and members of the O. F. S. and Professional Workers Union. It had been closed when the warehousemen demanded reinstatement of a worker discharged because he was arrested for a minor offense.

WASHINGTON (FP).—District of Columbia workers affiliated with the A. F. of L. are not expected to honor picket lines established by the C.I.O. It was ruled here at a meeting of the Central Labor Union.

KITCHENER, Ont., Canada.—A strike at the Kaufman Rubber Co., called by a United Rubber Workers local, was 100 per cent successful at 500 workers walked out. Demands included a 5 per cent to 20 per cent wage increase, time-and-a-half for overtime and seniority rights.

PORT COLBORNE, Ont., Canada.—Union recognition is the main issue in the strike at the Maple Leaf Mill where 150 members of the Grain Processors Union (A. F. of L.) ask higher wages and allotment of work.

NEW ORLEANS.—New Orleans automobile policemen have formed a permanent A. F. of L. organization, A. P. Harvey, A. F. of L. regional director for Louisiana, Texas, Mississippi and Arkansas reports.

NEW ORLEANS.—For the first time in local history, the Standard Fruit and Steamship Co. has signed a contract with the Intl. Longshoremen's Association. The new "union" was formed during negotiations between the guild and Hearst's two newspapers, the Herald-Peoples and Examiner.

SAN FRANCISCO.—The Hospital and Institutional Workers Union, 196 to 614, to accept a counter-industry contract with large private hospitals providing professional nursing, an 8-hour day and minimum for miscellaneous employees of \$80, as against the former \$70.50, thus averting a threatened strike.

NEW ORLEANS.—WPA is shutting down work on northern highway, where most of the state's cotton is grown.

WASHINGTON.—Recognition of the American Federation of Labor as the principle labor organization in the building industry, the Insured Committee for Industrial Organization were sought at the Intl. Labor Office at Geneva in June by Rep. Clare Hoffman (R. Mich.), a cablegram to Robert W. Watt, American labor delegate, revealed.

MOBILE, Ala., Oct. 8.—Seventeen men of the Norwegian ship "Wind" went to jail because they struck down Japan with a cargo of scrap iron loaded here.

T. A. Prebren, Norwegian vice consul, said the seamen would be held until he receives further orders from Norway. The seamen range in age from 18 to 30 years.

THEY RAISE THEIR OWN WASHINGTON (FP).—While workers struggled to get better wages during 1936, corporation executives upped their own salaries almost twice as much, government figures from the Securities & Exchange Commission show the Department of Labor reveal.

LOS ANGELES.—The Los Angeles chapter of the American Newspaper Guild has filed charges with the Natl. Labor Relations Board charging William Randolph Hearst and the American Federation of Labor with intimidation, coercion and collusion.

The charges followed creation of the American Federation of Newspaper Writers and Reporters Local 1. Charter members are J. P. Richardson, a city editor who before his promotion had signed a guild application card; Louella Parsons, highly paid Hearst columnist; and a number of other prominent newspaper men.

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San Francisco.—On orders from William Green, with only a few dissenting votes, the Northern California branch of the AFL expelled from the San Francisco Labor Council. It will join the newly formed CIO Council. The Alaska Cannery Workers Union was also removed from the San Francisco branch from the Miscellaneous Workers Union, on the insistence of State Federation Pres. Edward Vandenberg.

Although Japs is a registered Communist, his union, the Ship Chelun Union, instead of waiting to be put out, has withdrawn its delegate from the A. F. of L. council.

The A. F. of L. council elected its president, J. M. Sholly, delegate to the Denver A. F. of L. convention.

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